

a head assembly interconnected with the front end of the body housing, the head assembly comprising a head and a neck;

connection means for connecting the head assembly to the body housing which allows for movement of the head through a range of motion by wind; and

counterbalancing means including an arm connected to the neck at one end, and a weight at the opposite end for balancing the head assembly in a neutral position within the range of motion with respect to the body housing at the connection means.

7. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a support stake having [a] an upper end and a lower end, the upper end of the support stake extending into the body housing through a torso aperture in the body housing.

8. (Amended) The <sup>apparatus</sup> <sub>support stake</sub> of claim 1 further comprising a spring attached to the upper end of the support stake against a seat attached to [a] an upper portion of the body housing within the body housing to allow for the additional movement of the decoy in a plurality of directions.

24 15. (Amended) A method for using [an] a decoy to attract or scare away animals comprising the  
steps of:

forming a hollow decoy housing with an open front end;

attaching a hook to the housing above the open front end;

forming a head and neck assembly;

attaching a loop to the neck;

attaching a counterweight, by means of an arm, to the head and neck assembly to balance the  
head and neck assembly in a neutral position;

hanging the head and neck assembly from the housing by placing the loop on the hook;

placing the decoy at a desired location to attract animals; and

allowing the wind to move the head and neck assembly of the decoy.

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20. (Amended) The method of claim ~~16~~<sup>25</sup> further comprising the steps of attaching a spring to [a] an upper portion of the support stake, attaching a seat to an upper part of the body housing within the body housing, and placing the upper part of the support stake inside the body housing through an aperture in a bottom portion of the body housing.

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Please add the following new claims:

21. A decoy apparatus comprising:

a body housing having a front end and a rear end;

a head assembly interconnected with the front end of the body housing, the head assembly comprising a head and a neck;

connection means for connecting the head assembly to the body housing which allows for movement of the head, by wind, both up and down and side to side with respect to the body housing; and

counterbalancing means including an arm connected to the neck at one end, and a weight at the opposite end for balancing the head assembly with respect to the body housing at the connection means.

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The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the front end of the body housing includes a throat area, and the connection means comprises a hook extending from an upper portion of the throat area and a loop located on an upper surface of the neck, the loop being positioned on the hook to hang the head assembly from the body housing.

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The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the counterbalancing means comprises a counterweight interconnected with the neck for balancing the head assembly in a neutral position.

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The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the counterweight is connected to the neck by an arm.

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The apparatus of claim 24 wherein the counterweight is positioned within the body housing.

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The apparatus of claim 21 further comprising a support stake having an upper end and a lower end, the upper end of the support stake extending into the body housing through a torso aperture in the body housing.

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The support stake of claim 26 further comprising a spring attached to the upper end of the support stake against a seat attached to an upper portion of the body housing within the body housing to allow for the additional movement of the decoy in a plurality of directions.

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The apparatus of claim 21 wherein a sheet of plastic is attached to the body housing which can be blown up by wind to simulate the strutting of feathers.--